GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEDICAL STORE DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government Medical Store Depots were centralized for procurement of medical supplies for Government establishments;

(b) if so, whether the Medical Store Depots in Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai have failed to supply medicines to indentors and have resorted to local purchases;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of cases where sub-standard medicines purchased and issued to the beneficiaries by Government Medical Store Depots; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to streamline procurement of medicines through Government Medical Store Depots?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) All Government Medical Store Depots including Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai could not supply medicine in the current year due to non finalization of rates both for Generic as well as Proprietary medicines. Government Medical Store Depots do not resort to local purchase.

(d) The question of purchasing substandard drugs by Government Medical Store Depots does not arise.Every batch of medicine is subjected to test in two Government approved laboratories and supplies are accepted only after receipt of satisfactory test report.

(e) An action plan to streamline the procurement through Medical Store Organisation (MSO) is being drawn up.